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SUBJECT: HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS GROUP VISIT (CODEL VANIK)

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1. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL A THAT CONGRESSMAN VANIK AND DELEGATION FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ARE CONSIDERING VISIT TO BRUSSELS JULY 7 AND 8. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT HOUSE DELEGATION (CODEL FRASER) FOR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WILL ALSO BE IN BRUSSELS THOSE DATES FOR MEETINGS WITH COMMISSION (REFTEL B).

2. WE AGREE THAT BRUSSELS VISIT EARLIER THAT WEEK WOULD BE BAD SINCE MOST COMMISSIONERS WILL BE IN LUXEMBOURG JULY 5, 6 AND 7 FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT SESSION. HOWEVER, WE ANTICIPATE SEVERAL POTENTIAL CONFLICTS IN CLAIMS ON COMMISSION RESOURCES IF BOTH GROUPS ARE HERE SIMULTANEOUSLY. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS WILL PROBABLY BE INVOLVED IN BRIEFINGS FOR CODEL UNCLASSIFIED

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FRASER DURING GOOD PART OF JULY 8. ALSO, AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING SMALL RECEPTION EVENING OF JULY 7 FOR CODEL FRASER AND COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY OFFER LUNCH FOR THAT GROUP ON JULY 8 AT WHICH AS MANY COMMISSIONERS AS POSSIBLE WOULD LIKELY ATTEND.

3. WE ARE, OF COURSE, ANXIOUS TO SET UP MOST PRODUCTIVE PROGRAM POSSIBLE FOR VANIK GROUP. IT IS CONCEIVABLE

THAT WE COULD ARRANGE A FEW SEPARATE APPOINTMENTS FOR PARTICULAR COMMISSIONERS OR SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIALS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY DURING TIMES WHEN THEY WOULD NOT BE OCCUPIED WITH FRASER GROUP. HOWEVER, CHANCES FOR INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS (E.G., WORKING LUNCH, ETC.) ARE LOW BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS TO CODEL FRASER. IF ACCEPTABLE TO VANIK AND FRASER GROUPS THAT BOTH BE INCLUDED IN THESE EVENTS, WE THINK WE COULD ARRANGE IT WITH COMMISSION. NEVERTHELESS, SIMULTANEOUS VISITS ARE LIKELY TO BE LESS SATISFYING, BOTH TO CONGRESSIONAL GROUADOOS AND COMMISSION, AND OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO DELAY VANIK GROUP VISIT UNTIL JULY 11-12 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. HINTON

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